

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

ADVANCED ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEMS (H)

Please replace the paragraph following the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,560, filed January 26, 2001, which claims the benefit of priority to co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/178,822, entitled "Advanced Anastomosis Systems", filed January 28, 2000, and is related to co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/169,104, entitled "Improved Anastomosis Systems", filed December 6, 1999; co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/151,863, entitled "Additional Sutureless Anastomosis Embodiments", filed September 1, 1999; and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/329,503, entitled "Sutureless Anastomosis Systems", filed June 10, 1999, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.